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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

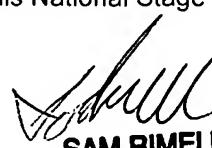
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


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Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brodersen et al. (U.S. Patent 6,405,220).

Claim 1: FIG. 1 illustrates a plurality of server computers (1, 21a, 21b, 21c). Each of the computers is readable as a server computer because each computer can transfer to other computers. For example, computers (21a) and (21b) can transfer data to computer (1), and computer (1) can transfer data to any of the other computers (21a, 21b, 21c). The system of FIG. 1 includes a series of databases (3, 23a, 23b, 23c), a series of update detection utilities (the update managers 31a and logs 35a, for example, which reside at each of the servers). The communication interfaces are the docking systems (25a, 25b). As described at col. 5, line 8 through col. 6, lines 27, and in particular, col. 6, lines 22-27, the central server (1) can detect the existence of updates and automatically forward the updates to any one of the servers (21a, 21b, 21c). The updates are automatically installed so that the servers are synchronized with each other.

Claim 2: When one of the servers, such as 25(a), is docked to the central server (1), it presents a hard-wired connection in the network.

Claim 3: When one of the servers, such as (25c), is not docked to the central server. It resides in a wireless state by reason that it is not connected to the central server.

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Claim 5: Updates residing on the central computer (1) can be routed to any of the other servers (21a, 21b, 21c) via the docking structure (5).

Claim 6: FIG. 1 is a distributed communications network.

Claim 7: FIG. 1 is a local area network of distributed communications, since it involves direct client-server connections.

Claim 8: See remarks fro claim 1.

Claim 9: See remarks for claim 2.

Claim 10: See remarks for claim 3.

Claim 12: See remarks for claim 5.

Claim 13: See remarks for claim 6.

Claim 14: See remarks for claim 7.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brodersen et al. in view of Official Notice.

Claim 4: Examiner takes Official Notice that XML and PHP are standardized programming languages that were widely known in the art at the time of invention. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Brodersen et al. to incorporate XML or PHP into either the programming of the servers or the content of the updates since both are desirable standards that are widely used in the computer programming arts.

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Claim 11: See remarks for claim 4.

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